

## **POWTS Program Teleconference**

### **April 19, 2006**

1. **AB 449 (Act 347).** Roman provided an update on the assembly bill and how it would affect S&B and counties. It is expected to be effective at the end of this month. Go to [www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/2005-07Bills/0123506\\_AB449.pdf](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/2005-07Bills/0123506_AB449.pdf) for more information on this bill.
2. **Commerce/WOWRA Teleconference.** Commerce representatives held a regularly scheduled teleconference with members of WOWRA to discuss concerns. One of the items discussed was posting these program teleconference minutes on the website. Refer to this document (PDF) for further information on what was discussed:
3. **Communication between office and field staff.** The importance of internal communication between reviewers and field staff was stressed on special projects. Examples where communication is essential are sites that have had interpretive determinations, or are A+4 and A+0 sites. Reviewers indicated a need to have access to field reports when reviewing plans and they're not always provided along with the plans. Some field staff prepare ~ 180 hand written reports which aren't stored electronically. POWTS field staff are currently at the bottom of the list to bring into the EDI, so we'll have to continue to ask for the reports to be submitted with the plans, unless they can be easily transferred to the plan reviewer when they both work in the same office. A suggestion was made to modify the field report to indicate when petitions for variance, ISD's, and plan revisions are required.
4. **POWTS Inspector Training Materials.** There is a PowerPoint presentation for POWTS inspectors that was presented to county code administrator earlier this year. Roman would like to do an Eblvd training for staff to view the presentation. The presentation is currently stored in Sorenson's user folder. In the future this presentation and an updated Q&A document will be posted on the Local Regulator's Resources Page on our website.
5. **Pretreatment Device Credits.** We need to check the product register for the credit given to each ATU. Some ATU's do not receive vertical treatment credit because they cannot meet the fecal coliform standard of  $10^4$  cfu/100 ml.
6. **Groundwater Mounding Class.** Kanter provided a quick summary of what he learned at a class that he attended on groundwater mounding. The sites that we might ask for mounding calculations are larger systems located near a water body, where ground water is close to the surface or where restrictive layers are present closer to the surface. Sources of additional information include asking for well logs or deeper borings.
7. **Red Tag Rules.** Randy indicated that the red tag rules were sent to the legislature. We will hear more in the future as the proposal advances through the legislature.